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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed May 10, 2000.

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 70-73, 76, 78, 82, 89 and 94-100.

Claim 77 (amended) A combination seed capsule comprising:

[at least] one viable seed;

said seed acting as a core or pseudo core of said combination seed capsule;

[coatings] a coating of a composition comprising [a growth enhancer and material

fines] soil conditioning materials;

said coating being an integral part of said seed.

[Claim 79 lines 1-2 change "material fines" to] soil conditioning materials--;

Claim 79 line 2 change "industrial byproduct" to -- sludge or fly ash --;

Claim 80 line 1 change "79" to --77--;

Claim 80 line 2 before "byproduct" insert -- fiber containing --;

Claim 81 line 1 change "79" to --80--;